

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SOVEREIGN BANCORP, INC.; SOVEREIGN)
BANK; SEACOAST FINANCIAL SERVICES)
CORP; and COMPASS BANK FOR SAVINGS,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
JOHN H. HARLAND COMPANY,)
Defendant)
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 04-11631-EFH

**JOHN H. HARLAND COMPANY'S
LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3) CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3), defendant/counterclaim plaintiff John H. Harland Company and its counsel hereby certify that they have conferred:

- (a) with a view to establishing a budget for the cost of conducting the full course and various alternative courses of the litigation; and
- (b) to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution procedures such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of October, 2004.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Steven J. Buttacavoli, hereby certify that on this 5th day of October 2004, a true copy of the above document was served upon the attorney of record for each party by first class mail, postage prepaid.

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